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H. R. 2098

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POWERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures

A BILL

To provide for the award to civilians of the Lincoln Cross and the Lincoln Medal, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That a commission is hereby created to be known as the
4 Civilian Award Commission and to be composed of five
5 members to be appointed by the President from among those
6 persons who have been awarded crosses or medals by the
7 United States for extraordinary heroism or distinguished
8 service. Each member of the Commission shall receive com-
9 pensation at the rate of \$ per day while engaged on the
10 business of the Commission. The President shall select a
11 Chairman from among the members of the Commission.

1 The Commission shall cease to exist six months after the
2 termination of actual hostilities in the present war.

3 SEC. 2. (a) The Commission shall submit to the Presi-
4 dent from time to time the names of civilians who, in the
5 judgment of a majority of the members of the Commission
6 after an investigation by the Commission of the facts in each
7 case, have distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism
8 in connection with civilian defense activities or in otherwise
9 rendering aid in emergencies caused by enemy action. The
10 President is authorized to present to each such person a cross,
11 to be known as the Lincoln Cross, of appropriate design and
12 with accompanying ribbon, together with a rosette or other
13 device to be worn in lieu thereof.

14 (b) No more than one Lincoln Cross shall be presented
15 to any one person, but for each succeeding deed or act suffi-
16 cient, in the judgment of a majority of the members of the
17 Commission, to justify the award of the Lincoln Cross the
18 President may award a bar or other suitable device to be
19 worn as the Commission shall direct.

20 SEC. 3. The Commission shall submit to the President
21 from time to time the names of civilians who, in the judg-
22 ment of a majority of the members of the Commission after
23 an investigation by the Commission of the facts in each case,
24 have rendered exceptionally meritorious service in connection
25 with civilian defense activities. The President is authorized

1 to present to each such person a medal, to be known as the
2 Lincoln Medal, of appropriate design and with accompanying
3 ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in
4 lieu thereof.

5 SEC. 4. In case a civilian dies before receiving the cross
6 or medal to which he may be entitled under the provisions
7 of this Act, such cross or medal may be presented by the
8 President to such representative of the deceased as the Com-
9 mission may designate.


10 SEC. 5. The Commission is authorized and directed to
11 procure the crosses, medals, rosettes, bars, and other devices
12 provided for by this Act, all of which shall be of such design,
13 size, weight, and composition as the Commission may
14 approve.

15 SEC. 6. (a) Without regard to the civil-service laws or
16 the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, the Commission
17 is authorized to appoint and prescribe the duties and fix
18 the compensation of such employees as are necessary in the
19 execution of its functions.

20 (b) The Commission may make such expenditures (in-
21 cluding expenditures for rent and personal services at the
22 seat of government and elsewhere, for office supplies, periodi-
23 cals, and books of reference, and for printing and binding) as
24 may be necessary in the execution of the functions of the
25 Commission. All expenditures of the Commission, including

1 necessary traveling expenses and subsistence expenses (not in
2 excess of \$ per day) incurred by the members while ab-
3 sent from their places of residence upon the business of the
4 Commission, and by the employees of the Commission while
5 away from their designated posts of duty upon the business
6 of the Commission, shall be allowed and paid upon the
7 presentation of itemized vouchers therefor approved by the
8 Chairman of the Commission.

9 SEC. 7. There are authorized to be appropriated such
10 sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
11 Act.



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